

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COURSES IN ARCHITECTURAL RESTORATION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade architectural restoration of architectural sites as a distinct discipline to restore archaeological sites;
- (b) if so, the details of the institutions offering such courses in architectural restoration of archaeological sites;
- (c) whether ASI has entered into academic exchanges with institutions of repute in the field of architectural restoration of historical buildings; and
- (d) if so, the details of such exchanges?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) Currently, the Institute of Archaeology offers a two years Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology, which include subjects on structural conservation and chemical preservation with professional field trainings in these subjects. There is no proposal at present to upgrade the diploma course to a degree or a distinct discipline.

Several other Institutes including School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi, Chandigarh College of Architecture, Chandigarh, Singhad College of Architecture, Pune offer courses in Architectural conservation at Post Graduate level.

(c) & (d) The Archaeological Survey of India obtains expertise from several institutions of repute such as Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee, Structural Engineering Research Center, Ghaziabad, National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad, National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, Earthquake Engineering Institute, Roorkee, Survey of India, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai, National Research Laboratory for Cultural Property, Lucknow, etc. as and when necessary for conservation of monuments from time to time. However, currently the Institute of Archaeology has not entered into any formal agreements for academic exchange with any institution in the field of architectural restoration.